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1. FOLLOWING IS REVIEW OF AUG. 23-24 NEWS ARTICLES ON
AFRICA TRIP AND OTHER EVENTS.

2. OWEN-YOUNG TRIP. MOST NEWS MEDIA CARRIED PRESIDENT'S
ANNOUNCEMENT OF OWEN-YOUNG TRIP BUT NOT PROMINENTLY. STORY
HAD ALREADY BEEN REPORTED FROM LAGOS, LUSAKA AND LONDON.
WASH POST (RANDAL) AUG. 23 SAID AMB. YOUNG SUGGESTED SUNDAY
THAT "COMPROMISE SETTLEMENT MAY BE IN PROSPECT IN DISPUTE
OVER RHODESIA'S GOVERNMENT." YOUNG QUOTED AS SAYING IAN
SMITH "REALIZES MORE AND MORE THAT THE RHODESIAN WHITES
CANNOT WIN" STRUGGLE TO KEEP MINORITY RULE, AND THAT
NATIONALIST GUERRILLAS SEEMED TO HAVE "SENSE OF URGENCY AND
WILLINGNESS TO CUT SHORT THE ARMED STRUGGLE SOMEWHERE SHORT
OF MARCHING INTO SALISBURY."... FROM LONDON, THE ECONOMIST
AUG. 19 COMMENTED THAT "SOUTH AFRICAN GOVERNMENT KNOWS THAT
IF MR. SMITH ATTEMPTS TO DELAY MUCH LONGER, SOUTH AFRICA
WILL SOON HAVE ONE MORE WAR-TORN AND PROBABLY MARXIST
RULED NEIGHBOR. MR. BOTHA WAS RIGHT TO GO TO SALISBURY"
BEFORE OWEN-YOUNG MISSION GOT THERE... FROM PRETORIA
A.P. AUG. 23 REPORTED VORSTER-SMITH MEETING IN
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PRETORIA SCHEDULED FOR SAT. AUG. 27, SAME DAY AS LUSAKA
MEETING.

3. LAGOS CONFERENCE. WASH POST (RANDAL) AUG. 24 SAID
"AFRICAN RADICALS AND THEIR ALLIES" AT LAGOS CONFERENCE
PUSHED FOR "TOTAL ECONOMIC BOYCOTT AND BAN ON NUCLEAR
COOPERATION AGAINST SOUTH AFRICA DESPITE RELUCTANCE OF MAJOR

WESTERN NATIONS." REPRESENTATIVES OF US, UK, FRANCE AND WEST GERMANY, "ALL OF WHICH HAVE LARGE INVESTMENTS IN SOUTH AFRICA, ARGUED... THAT ECONOMIC SANCTIONS WOULD BE SELF-DEFEATING NOW THAT SOUTH AFRICA HAS SHOWN SOME FLEXIBILITY ABOUT EVENTUAL INDEPENDENCE OF NAMIBIA."... LONDON TIMES AUG. 23 EMPHASIZED WALDHEIM LAGOS WARNING THAT RACIAL VIOLENCE "COULD SPREAD BEYOND CONTROL" UNLESS SAG CHANGES POLICIES... UPI AUG. 24 QUOTED "CONFERENCE OFFICIALS" AT LAGOS AS SAYING AMB. YOUNG MIGHT NOT SPEAK THERE BECAUSE OF ANTI-AMERICAN SPEECHES BY OTHERS. SHORTLY THEREAFTER UPI, QUOTING "CONFERENCE OFFICIALS," SAID YOUNG STILL PLANNED TO SPEAK... UPI AUG. 22 SAID NORWAY'S NORDLI CALLED FOR COORDINATED HALT TO ALL MILITARY AND ECONOMIC SUPPORT OF SOUTH AFRICA... FROM CAPE TOWN, A.P. AUG. 23 SAID DEFENSE MINISTER PIETER BOTHA ACCUSED WALDHEIM AND WESTERN POWERS OF WANTING TO "DESTROY PEACE IN SOUTHERN AFRICA."

4. PLO. TIME MAGAZINE ISSUE OF AUG. 29 SAID PLO PLANS UN RESOLUTION ACCEPTING RESOLUTION 242 BUT ALSO INCLUDING PRESIDENT CARTER'S WORDS ON PALESTINIAN HOMELAND. ARTICLE SAYS ARABS HOPE U.S. WOULD ABSTAIN RATHER THAN VETO ARAFAT RESOLUTION, AND SAYS ARABS "ARE ENCOURAGED BY FACT THAT U.S., WHICH HAS HELD PALESTINIAN GROUPS AT ARM'S LENGTH UNTIL THEY RECOGNIZED ISRAEL, HAS BEGIN UNOFFICIALLY AT LEAST TO BEND THIS POLICY TO MAKE SOME CONTACTS. DURING UNCLASSIFIED

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HIS VISIT TO GENEVA LAST MONTH, FOR INSTANCE, U.N. AMB. ANDREW YOUNG MET AND BRIEFLY CHATTED WITH DAUD BARAKAT, PLO'S REPRESENTATIVE THERE." COMMENT: TIME FAILED TO REPORT THAT THIS MEETING WAS UNPLANNED, TOOK PLACE AT A RECEPTION, AND WAS NOT A BUSTANTIVE DISCUSSION, ALTHOUGH USUN AND WHITE HOUSE PRESS OFFICES EXPLAINED THIS FULLY TO TIME LAST WEEK. TO OUR KNOWLEDGE, OTHER MEDIA HAVE NOT USED TIME STORY. END COMMENT... MEANWHILE UPI AUG. 23 REPORTED FROM CAIRO THAT ARAFAT SAID PLO "ANXIOUS" TO HAVE DIRECT TALKS WITH U.S. BUT "NOT YET READY" TO ACCEPT RESOLUTION 242. STORY SAID ARAFAT STILL AWAITING U.S. REPLY TO PLO REQUEST TO OPEN AMERICAN OFFICE.

5. SOUTH AFRICA. USIS/JOHANNESBURG REPORTS SOUTH AFRICAN PRESS GIVING WIDE COVERAGE TO SAG'S PROPOSED "CONSTITUTIONAL REFORMS" WHICH ARE SAID TO PROVIDE FOR THREE SEPARATE PARLIAMENTS AND PRIME MINISTERS FOR WHITES, COLOREDS AND INDIANS, WITH A SINGLE EXECUTIVE PRESIDENT. AFRIKAANS PRO-SAG PRESS SUPPORTS REVISION AS "ACCORDING WITH PRINCIPLE OF SEPARATE DEVELOPMENT." ENGLISH OPPOSITION PAPERS ARE "WARY," SEE PLAN AS

"CONVOLUTED" AND "FLAWED BY EXCLUSION OF URBAN BLACKS."

6. ZAMBIA. A.P. AUG. 23 REPORTED FROM LUSAKA THAT ZAMBIAN GOVERNMENT ISSUED SUMMOSES AGAINST 17 WESTERN OIL COMPANIES IT IS SUING FOR NEARLY \$6.4 BILLION DAMAGES FOR ALLEGEDLY SUPPLYING RHODESIA WITH OIL IN DEFIANCE OF UN SANCTIONS AND TO DETRIMENT OF ZAMBIA. STORY SAYS SOME OBSERVERS INTERPRET ZAMBIAN AND RELATED ACTIONS AS "A CALL FOR A BAN BY THE PARENT OIL COMPANIES ON SUPPLIES TO THEIR SOUTH AFRICAN SUBSIDIARIES -- IN EFFECT A CALL FOR AN OIL EMBARGO ON SOUTH AFRICA."

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